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SOURCE [REDACTED]

1. The former commercial airfield northwest of Timisoara between the road to Arad and the road to San Nicolau Mare (Y 7/T 55) was abandoned and in effect no longer in existence. (1)
2. A commercial airfield of the Rumanian Tars Airlines was located southeast of Timisoara, west of Mosnita-Moua (R 16/U 00). The field was guarded by Soviet and Rumanian sentries. There was only a flight control building, but no runway or hangars. Rumanian aircraft made intermediate landings at the field. (2)
3. Since February/March 1951, a new Soviet airfield has been under construction south of Timisoara, directly east of the railroad line to Vrsac (Y 18/Y 94). The field is to be completed by June 1951. A runway is being constructed there. (3)
4. An airfield northeast of Timisoara, south of Giarmata (R 16/U 02) was occupied by about 300 to 400 Soviet ground personnel. Flying personnel were not stationed there. The field was a former Rumanian glider field with temporary buildings and glider hangars. It was used as an intermediate landing field for Soviet military aircraft. (4)
5. Barracks installations occupied by air force troops were not seen in the town of Timisoara. No jet aircraft or four-engine planes were observed in the air. (5)

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Comments.

- (1) The airfield was used by commercial planes in 1940. During World War II it was too small for utilization. The information that the field has been abandoned is believed credible.
- (2) The statement that the field is used by planes of the Tars Airlines is considered credible. The same status of the field was reported in 1948. According to a Rumanian press report of 18 May 1950, improvement at the field was to be accelerated. The improvement was apparently not started prior to April 1951.
- (3) According to available maps, the terrain is suitable for an airfield. Therefore, the information is believed credible.

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- (4) The airfield existed in 1940. The information that it is used as an intermediate landing field by the Soviet Air Force is received for the first time.
- (5) The report which is believed credible leads to the conclusion that, prior to April 1951, no Soviet air units, no Rumanian Air Force units, and no modern aircraft types were stationed in the Timisoara area. The field is apparently being constructed by and destined for the Soviets.

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